

Senate Bill No. 203

CHAPTER 711

An act to amend Sections 32603 and 32605 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 203, Solis. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

Existing law provides for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy with a governing board of 13 voting members and 7 nonvoting members.

This bill would add provisions clarifying the territory of the conservancy, would permit the conservancy to also be known as the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and would make changes to the names of entities represented on the board.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 32603 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

32603. As used in this division, the following terms have the following meaning:

(a) "Board" means the governing board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

(b) "Conservancy" means the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The conservancy may also be known as the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

(c) (1) "Territory" means the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of Los Angeles County and Orange County located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, including, without limitation, all of the following:

(A) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the upper San Gabriel River watershed, including the Upper Rio Hondo tributary, but not including any land area within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 33200) of Division 23. The hydrologic basin or watershed is bounded by the San Gabriel Mountains to the north, the San Jose Hills to the east, the

Puente Hills to the south, and by a series of hills and the Raymond Fault to the west.

(B) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the lower San Gabriel River watershed.

(C) The San Gabriel Mountains, including the Foothills Mountains Conservancy and the Puente Hills and San Jose Hills area, except any land area within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy as described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 33200) of Division 23.

(D) The hydrologic basin or watershed that coincides with the lower Los Angeles River south of the northernmost boundary of the City of Vernon, as of June 1, 1999, except any land area within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, as described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 33100) and Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 33200) of Division 23.

(2) To assist persons in understanding the breadth of the territory included within the territory described in paragraph (1), the Legislature declares that that territory includes the territory in all of the following cities and areas:

(A) The territory within the city boundaries, as of January 1, 2000, of the following cities: Alhambra, Anaheim, Arcadia, Artesia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Bradbury, Brea, Buena Park, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce, Compton, Covina, Cudahy, Cypress, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, Fullerton, Glendora, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, Industry, Irwindale, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Palma, La Puente, La Verne, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Lynwood, Maywood, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Placentia, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Temple City, Vernon, Walnut, West Covina, and Whittier.

(B) The unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and Orange County adjacent to the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, the San Gabriel Mountains, the Foothill Mountains, the Puente Hills, and the San Jose Hills area including, but not limited to, East Los Angeles.

(d) Nothing in this section shall affect the jurisdiction of any other state conservancy.

SEC. 2. Section 32605 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

32605. The board shall consist of 13 voting members and seven nonvoting members, as follows:

(a) The 13 voting members of the board shall consist of all of the following:

(1) One member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles who represents the area or a portion thereof contained within the territory of the conservancy, appointed by the Governor.

(2) Two members of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, one of whom shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River, and one of whom shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering the San Gabriel Mountains area. One member shall be appointed by a majority of the membership of that board of directors, and one member shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of two or more potential members submitted by the board of directors.

(3) Two members of the board of directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, one of whom shall be the mayor of the City of Long Beach or a city council member of the City of Long Beach appointed by the mayor, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly from a list of two or more potential members submitted by the executive committee of the board of directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. The executive committee shall submit lists of potential members to the Speaker of the Assembly until an acceptable member is appointed.

(4) Two members of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities, both of whom shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or a tributary thereof. One member shall be appointed by a majority of the membership of the city selection committee of Orange County, and one member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of two or more potential members submitted by the city selection committee.

(5) One member shall be a representative of a member of the San Gabriel Valley Water Association appointed by a majority of the membership of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley Water Association.

(6) One member shall be a representative of the Central Basin Water Association appointed by a majority of the membership of the board of directors of the Central Basin Water Association.

(7) One member shall be a resident of Los Angeles County appointed by the Governor from a list of potential members submitted by local, state, and national environmental organizations that operate within the County of Los Angeles and within the territory of the conservancy and that have participated in planning for river restoration or open space, or both, or river preservation.

(8) The Secretary of the Resources Agency, or his or her designee.

(9) The Secretary for Environmental Protection, or his or her designee.

(10) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.

(b) The seven ex officio, nonvoting members shall consist of the following officers or an employee of each agency designated annually by that officer to represent the office or agency:

(1) The District Engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(2) The Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region of the United States Forest Service.

(3) The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

(4) The Director of the Orange County Public Facility and Resource Department.

(5) A member of the San Gabriel River Watermaster, appointed by a majority of the members of the San Gabriel River Watermaster.

(6) The Director of Parks and Recreation.

(7) The Executive Officer of the Wildlife Conservation Board.

